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ALLEGATIONS

Six died after vessel capsized near Tofino last October

A man who says he narrowly escaped the submerged interior of a capsized whale-watching vessel is one of two men suing a Vancouver Island nature-tour company, alleging negligence.

Christian Barchfeld and his brother Dirk, both of Germany, have filed a proposed class-action lawsuit against Jamie's Whaling Station, saying in court documents that the company should have known better than to allow the Leviathan II out in treacherous ocean conditions on Oct. 25, 2015.

Company owner Jamie Bray and ship captain Wayne Dolby are also named in the suit. Bray declined comment, and Dolby could not be reached.

Corene Inouye, a spokeswoman for Jamie's Whaling Station, said the company will continue to reach out and offer help to passengers affected by the accident.

"We have no reason to believe the crew or operators were in any way negligent," she said in a telephone interview from Tofino, where the company is based.

"One thing the (statement of) claim does say is that this was a very sudden and unexpected event, which is consistent with everything we know about this accident being caused by a rogue wave."

None of the allegations have been tested in court, and a statement of defence has not been filed.

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Exposing Airbnb troubles

RENTALS

Apartment dwellers tell of impact ahead of council vote

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

One woman renting a room in an East Van house was told she could only stay for the summer if her landlords couldn't find Airbnb renters.

Another has seen her 1970s condo building transform into a de facto hotel where 10 units are solely used for Airbnb rentals, leaving older, long-term residents concerned by the constant rotation of strangers.

Both told their stories as cautionary tales in advance of a debate at Vancouver City Hall on Wednesday, when councillors are expected to decide to hasten an investigation into how Airbnb and other short-term rental companies impact rental housing in the city with near-zero rental vacancy rates.

"Landlords know they can get away with doing what they want to do because there's no punishment or enforcement to respect tenants' rights," said Carolina Camargo, who is calling on the city to make policy changes after she left her shared East Van house due to conflict with her landlords over Airbnb.

Camargo moved in on Jan. 1 with the understanding she could stay on a month-to-month basis until the end of August.

Condos overlooking False Creek in Yaletown. Vancouver wants to investigate how Airbnb affects the rental housing stock in the city.
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But she said the landlords surprised her by saying she couldn't stay past April if they got Airbnb renters. The room is advertised at $70 per night — more than three times the $630 she paid monthly.

Her landlords claim she agreed to leave in April if they found Airbnb tenants. Under B.C.'s Residential Tenancy Act, landlords may only end a tenancy if tenants don't pay rent or if the landlord's family member is moving in.

> **There's no punishment or enforcement to respect tenants' rights.** Carolina Camargo

For Ulrike Rodrigues, it's crucial the city studies how Airbnb impacts shared buildings where affordable units are being lost, she told reporters Tuesday.

Airbnb renters have taken over 10 units in her building on East 7th Avenue in just two years, she said, adding she's concerned about safety since the tourists have keys to the storage area, bike lockers and laundry rooms. Her complaints to 311 — it's illegal to rent a unit for less than 30 days without a business licence — went nowhere.

"I offered my building up as just a little bit of a canary in a coal mine as what's happening in Vancouver," she said.

LANGFORD

Mountie killed in crash mourned

A criminal investigation was underway Tuesday after the death of an on-duty RCMP officer near Victoria.

Const. Sarah Beckett, an 11-year member of the force, died in a crash at an intersection in Langford.

Canada's public safety minister, Ralph Goodale, expressed his sympathies and offered his condolences to Beckett's family, friends and colleagues.

"The death of a police officer is a stark reminder of the sacrifices and bravery of our police women and men who put themselves in harm's way each and every day to keep our communities safe," Goodale said in a statement.

In the statement, RCMP Commissioner Bob Paulson extended the department's full support to Beckett's family and to personnel of the force as they grieve the tragic loss of their colleague.

Mounties say Beckett, 32, was married and the mother of two young children. She spent her entire career with the RCMP serving on Vancouver Island, including in Port McNeil, Langford and Colwood.

The crash happened at about 3:30 a.m. Tuesday, and Chief Supt. Ray Bernoties, district commander for the RCMP on Vancouver Island, said Beckett was pronounced dead just after 4 a.m.

The driver of the other vehicle was not seriously injured and was in police custody, he said.
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Snowden praises leaker

DEMOCRACY

Panama Papers show a 'vital' need for more whistleblowers

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The need for whistleblowers is greater than ever following the release of the Panama Papers, Edward Snowden told a Vancouver audience Tuesday evening.

The National Security Agency whistleblower appeared via web link at Queen Elizabeth Theatre for a Simon Fraser University Public Square forum on big data, moderated by CBC journalist Laura Lynch.

Inevitably, Snowden — who exposed mass surveillance by the United States government and its allies in 2013 and who is currently living in Russia for fear of arrest — was asked about the release of the Panama Papers this week.

Edward Snowden speaks to CBC journalist Laura Lynch via web-link during a Simon Fraser University Public Square forum on big data at Queen Elizabeth Theatre on Tuesday. SCREENGRAB

The papers, reportedly the biggest data leak in history, contain the private database of law firm Mossack Fonseca and reveals how offshore tax havens are used by companies and individuals, including some world leaders, to avoid billions of dollars in taxes.

"We have found that countries where we might have suspected this kind of corruption — such as China, Ukraine and Russia — were not alone," said Snowden. "This reveals that one of the founding premises of democracy, which is that one law applies equally to both the powerful and the powerless, is beginning to change. And it happens without our knowledge, our awareness and without our consent.

"The most privileged and the most powerful members of society are operating under a different set of rules that exempt them from not only the same laws to which we are held, not only the same standards of behaviours to which we are held, but they don't even pay the same taxes that we do," he continued. "And yet (they are) the ones who benefit the most from the structures of society."

The leak and the subsequent fallout worldwide shows the need for whistleblowers, Snowden said.

"I think that this shows, more than ever, the role of the whistleblower in free society has become not only desirable but vital."

Asked by Lynch whether he had been in contact with the leaker of the Panama Papers, whose identity remains unknown, Snowden managed to conjure a laugh out of the sold-out crowd.

"If they had, I could not say one way or another. But for the record, I haven't," Snowden said, adding it's for the best. "I'm probably under a lot more monitoring than the average journalist."

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CRIME

Police warn of phone thefts

Two cities in the Lower Mainland are warning the public about recent cellphone thefts.

In Abbotsford, police say, there have been three similar incidents since Feb. 23 involving sales through Craigslist.

All three incidents involved prospective buyers responding to Craigslist advertisements for iPhone 6s. But when the victims arrive at the designated location, they've been pepper sprayed by two people and had their own phones stolen.

Vancouver police have also noticed an increase in the number of violent cellphone robberies in the city. Const. Brian Montague told media on Tuesday there have been 40 cellphone robberies so far this year, compared to 31 at this time in 2015.

Cellphone thefts had been steadily declining since peaking at 215 in 2012, but police are concerned about the sudden rise this year. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

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Kristin Henry spent a few nights in hospital after not eating for 20 days. TEREZA VERENCA/METRO

Protester retires hunger strike

SITE C

Chiefs and elders thank Kristin Henry personally

Tereza Verenca
For Metro | Vancouver

The Site C protester who was rushed to hospital last week after a 20-day hunger strike remerged on Tuesday, saying she'd do it all over again.

Speaking to press in front of the B.C. Hydro offices in downtown Vancouver, Kristin Henry said the decision to end her hunger strike was "really difficult." Surviving on only tea, water and vegetable broth, her heart rate had dropped to such a low that doctors told her she was doing irreversible damage to her vital organs.

"It was hard to hear. Going into this, that's obviously part of the risk you take with this kind of statement," she said.

But the 24-year-old added she has no regrets. "It told me a lot about this project. It's even worse than I thought going into it."

Many protesters — like Henry — have camped out in front of B.C. Hydro for weeks, protesting the controversial Site C dam. Construction of the more than eight-billion-dollar project on the Peace River started last summer and is expected to be completed by 2024, according a media release from B.C. Hydro.

"Once built, Site C will provide clean, reliable and cost-effective electricity in B.C. for more than 100 years," the release reads.

Critics argue the dam will destroy more than 100 kilometres of river valley and flood First Nations sites. Local wildlife and activities — like hunting and fishing — would also be hindered, they say. (The Peace River lies in the heart of the Treaty 8 Territory, which already hosts two dams.)

"Our family's been there for more than 10,000 years. Site C is going to destroy one of the longest freshwater fish migrations in all of the province," Chief Roland Willson of the West Moberly First Nations said during the press conference. "There's better ways that would put B.C. and Canada on the front page of every paper in the world."

He proposed geothermal energy and wind power.

Willson was part of a group of Treaty 8 chiefs and elders, who travelled to Vancouver to thank Henry and give her some tokens of appreciation.

Surrey MLAs ask for more action on gang violence

B.C.'s public safety minister was once again grilled in the legislature, asked by three Surrey NDP MLAs why more isn't being done to stop ongoing gun violence.

Monday marked the 31st shooting in Surrey, near 86 Avenue and 140 Street. One man was transported to hospital with a non-life-threatening gunshot wound, according to Mounties.

The incident followed a shooting Sunday at 88 Avenue and 132 Street, where occupants of an SUV fired into a car when the vehicles were stopped at a light, according to a statement from Staff-Sgt. Dale Carr. So far this year, seven people have been injured and one has died in the shootings. Police believe some incidents are linked to a new drug-related conflict between two groups.

"They need to do more because what they're doing is just not working," Bruce Ralston, MLA for Surrey-Whalley, told Metro.

During question period, public safety minister Mike Morris said there are hundreds of officers on the case. He said thousands of people have been charged, hundreds of vehicles have been seized and millions of dollars in drug money have been confiscated.

"We have surveillance teams that follow these individuals around day and night," he added. "These individuals, if they look over one shoulder they'll see a police officer, if they look over the other, they're going to see one of their adversaries."

Morris went on to say the province has also been meeting with agencies from across North America and there are plans to meet with Surrey's mayor and the RCMP to discuss a plan.

But Ralston called Surrey's situation a "crisis" and said residents need to see a clear plan in place that will end the gun violence. TEREZA VERENCA/METRO

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Neil Patrick Harris celebrates in Tofino

You could say Neil Patrick Harris's getaway to a British Columbia beach town this week was, wait for it, "legendary."

The catchphrase is usually uttered by Harris's memorable character Barney Stinson on the sitcom How I Met Your Mother, but also applies to the former Oscar host's visit to Tofino — on the west coast of Vancouver Island — this week to celebrate his 12th anniversary with husband David Burtka.

The couple seemed to fall in love with the popular destination, sharing their adventures of strolling along the beach at Wickaninnish Inn, hiking through lush temperate rainforest and taking a dip in Hot Springs Cove with thousands of Instagram followers (some of Harris's posts garnered more than 86,000 likes).

"I'm not sure that I've ever taken this many photos or videos of any place in my entire life," Harris says in one video, overlooking the Pacific Ocean from a beach, posted to Instagram.

> **It's so beautiful here. Canada rocks.**
> Neil Patrick Harris

"It's so beautiful here. Canada rocks."

Harris signed off on Monday with photos of his "unbelievable" meal at the Wolf in the Fog restaurant and saying he already can't wait to come back.

MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Neil Patrick Harris and David Burtka celebrated their anniversary in Tofino. INSTAGRAM

Pearl Jam to headline Pemberton festival

MUSIC

Snoop Dogg, Wiz Khalifa, Billy Idol also in the lineup

Matt Kieltyka
Metro | Vancouver

The dream of the '90s is alive in Pemberton.

This year's Pemberton Music Festival is taking a page out of Portlandia's book and bringing in a slew of artists who made a name for themselves in the era of grunge and rap's golden age.

Pearl Jam, Snoop Dogg, Ice Cube, Noel Gallagher, Cypress Hill and Method Man & Redman are among the acts announced on Tuesday ahead of the four-day outdoor festival from July 14 to July 17.

New Orleans-based Huka Entertainment chairman A.J. Niland told Metro the '90s vibe is a natural progression for music festivals.

"In the early 2000s when the festival revivals had really taken off, it was always about seeing your legends play, your Neil Youngs and such," said Niland. "Now with young people who are 15, 18, 21, it's the '80s and '90s they look back on as legends. I'm a child of the '90s, I'm really looking forward to it."

Entering its third year, Pemberton Music Festival's organizers expect the event to continue growing in size despite the hardships facing promoters abroad and especially in Canada, where the low value of the dollar has already forced the cancellation of several festivals.

Chief among the festivals forced to take a hiatus this year is the one in Squamish, a local Vancouver-area rival of the Pemberton fest.

Two festivalgoers pose for a photo at the Pemberton Festival in 2014. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

> **Young people who are 15, 18, 21, it's the 80s and 90s they look back on as legends.** A.J. Niland

Huka CEO Evan Harrison believes Pemberton managed to avoid a similar fate because it has managed to build up a solid reputation with artists, the community and concertgoers since 2014.

"I don't want to avoid the question of the weak CAD, it does put a strain on the business," said Harrison. "But there's volume at play here as well. We've grown year-over-year and at some point economies of scale take over."

Last year's festival drew approximately 115,000 fans over the four days.

Given this year's line-up, the fact Pemberton is becoming an annual destination event, the lack of a competing festival and even a U.S. tourism boost because of the Canadian dollar, Harrison expect crowds to grow by another 40 to 50 per cent in 2016.

The line-up also includes J. Cole, Kaskade, Wiz Khalifa, Billy Idol, Die Antwoord, Girl Talk and dozens more.

Tickets go on sale Friday, April 8 at 10 a.m. at pembertonmusicfestival.com.

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EARTHQUAKES

City to map out riskiest zones

Emily Jackson
Metro | Vancouver

Metro Vancouverites will soon get details on which areas of the region are at highest risk of earthquake damage based on soil conditions.

The City of Vancouver has teamed up and pooled resources with regional governments to create a regional microzonation map, a resource that analyzes geological characteristics to show which areas could face the highest damage in an earthquake.

"This will really help us improve our understanding of our earthquake risk," said Daniel Stevens, the City of Vancouver's director of emergency management, in a presentation to council on Tuesday.

Buildings that sit on soft sediment are more at risk than those on solid bedrock, but as it stands the government only has a basic knowledge of the ground we live on.

Knowledge of an area's geological characteristics can help governments anticipate how it will respond to shaking or how susceptible it is to liquefaction.

Stevens said a microzonation map will help the region plan its emergency management response and help it focus on where to reduce risks by improving water pipe systems.

The joint effort comes as the 23 local municipalities and the province try to figure out exactly how they would coordinate the response to a catastrophic earthquake.

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John McCallum faces off against private sponsors

REFUGEE CRISIS

Feds quietly stopped making sponsorship a top priority

Responding to public outrage over delays in bringing Syrian refugees to Canada, Immigration Minister John McCallum will meet with private sponsorship groups on Thursday to explore options.

"What I can say to you right now is I'm doing everything in my power to speed the process up as much as we can to admit as many Syrian refugees as possible, as quickly as possible," he told dozens of protesters on his way to a luncheon hosted by the C.D. Howe Institute Tuesday.

"We have to do it as quickly as possible and I know you want to help. I appreciate that. … I will be meeting with (former Toronto mayor) John Sewell to talk about it in more detail."

It was the first faceoff between the embattled McCallum and members of private sponsorship groups since Ottawa quietly stopped making it a priority to process Syrian sponsorship applications, shortly after meeting its goal of bringing in 25,000 Syrian refugees by the end of February.

Immigration Minister John McCallum THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Last week, the government did briefly extend the deadline for community and faith groups to submit new applications, but refugee sponsors were further angered by the 24-hour notice they had to finish incomplete applications.

Three dozen people from various sponsorship groups — many of them elderly — braved the bitter cold to get their message across.

"The government really needs to put the staff back in place to deal with the refugee families already assigned to the sponsors," said Vandra Masemann of the Safe Haven sponsorship group. "This is not just about the Syrians, but Canada's policy about refugees in general."

Raising a sign that said "We are sunny ways," in reference to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's victory speech in championing optimism, her friend, Pamela Harris, said the slowdown in processing Syrian files doesn't make sense in light of the public support of the sponsorship program.

Sewell said he would ask the immigration minister to restore staffing capacity to process the Syrian applications and bring families already with applications in the system to Canada in three months and no later than the end of July. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLITICS

'Vulgar' joke causes uproar in Ontario

A Progressive Conservative MPP made "crude and vulgar" comments to a woman who is his federal Liberal counterpart in an Ottawa Valley riding, embarrassing her and many in the audience at a "men's night" cancer fundraising event attended by 350 people.

Jack MacLaren cracked a coarse "joke" about MP Karen McCrimmon, a former air force squadron commander and parliamentary secretary for Veterans Affairs in Justin Trudeau's cabinet, and her husband, Robert McCrimmon.

MacLaren, the MPP for Carleton-Mississippi Mills, had been among guests at the head table onstage. He was invited to read off greetings as the riding's representative at Queens Park when he took the mic. McCrimmon was among a number of women volunteers serving at the event in Carp.

According to people at the March 24 event who later spoke to Torstar News Service, MacLaren three times tried to summon McCrimmon to the stage. When she eventually joined him, he put his arm around her.

MPP Jack MacLaren TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

He "put her on the spot" over the impact on farmers of federal Liberal capital gains tax policy. He made a comment about her body, then shifted to stand behind the MP, saying, "I'm not getting behind you."

He then read off a joke about McCrimmon and her husband that referenced their sexual relationship, according to several who attended the fundraiser at the Carp Agricultural Hall. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Leak threatens world leaders

PANAMA PAPERS

Iceland PM resigns, while others shirk questions

Within 48 hours, the largest leak of confidential documents in history has shaken the foundations of power around the world, triggering the resignation of Iceland's prime minister and sending political shock waves from Pakistan to Argentina to Ukraine.

Prime Minister Sigmundur Gunnlaugsson relented to withering public pressure Tuesday, stepping down as Iceland's leader one day after thousands gathered outside parliament in protest over revelations he held a secret offshore company.

The revelations were contained in the Panama Papers — a collection of 11.5 million documents leaked from the computers of a Panamanian law firm called Mossack Fonseca, obtained by the German newspaper Süddeutsche Zeitung and the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists and shared with the Toronto Star.

Gunnlaugsson is far from being the only world leader exposed for hiding corporations and money in far-flung tax havens. The files contain evidence of offshore companies controlled by the presidents of Argentina and Ukraine, and the King of Saudi Arabia.

They also include 128 other politicians and public officials and at least 33 people and companies blacklisted by the U.S. government because of evidence they've done business with Mexican drug lords, terrorist organizations like Hezbollah or pariah nations like North Korea and Iran. Like Gunnlaugsson, whose interests were formally held by his wife, many world leaders are connected to the offshore world through an intermediary — either a close family member or friend.

People protest in front of Parliament building in Reykjavik, Iceland, on Tuesday. The leak of millions of records on offshore accounts claims its first high-profile victim as Iceland's prime minister resigns amid outrage over revelations he used such a shell company to conceal a conflict of interest. DAVID KEYTON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here are some leaders whose secret offshore financial dealings have come under scrutiny.

PAKISTAN

Leak: The children of Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif owned London real estate through companies created by Mossack Fonseca.

Response: Did not respond

Fallout: Sharif has bowed to the opposition's demand for an independent investigation into the Sharif family holdings.

"This is a strange logic that if our children earn their legitimate money inside the country there is criticism, and if they work hard overseas and establish and run businesses, even then they are targeted by allegations," the PM said.

UNITED KINGDOM

Leak: The father of Prime Minister David Cameron was a Mossack Fonseca client who used the law firm to shield his investment fund — Blairmore Holdings, Inc. — from U.K. taxes. Ian Cameron, a millionaire stockbroker who died in 2010, used untraceable shareholder certificates known as "bearer shares" and employed "nominee" company directors in the creation of a Panamanian investment fund.

Response: Did not respond.

Fallout: When the dealings of Cameron's father were made public, the PM's office issued a terse statement that there would be no comment on what amounted to "a private matter." Cameron has since faced a barrage of questions about his financial affairs, and whether he had inherited any interest in the offshore fund from his father. On Wednesday, Cameron's office stated that neither the PM, nor his wife or children currently have any offshore holdings, but wouldn't answer questions about whether they had any in the past.

ARGENTINA

Leak: President Mauricio Macri was director and vice-president of an undisclosed Bahamas company managed by Mossack Fonseca when he was a businessman and mayor of Buenos Aires.

Response: A spokesman for Macri said the president never personally owned shares in the firm, which was part of his family's business.

Fallout: After the allegations were published, Macri said he did not disclose his interest because he had no stake in the firm. Macri later elaborated in a televised interview, explaining that his tycoon father Franco Macri, one of the richest men in Argentina, had founded the company through a "legal operation."

UKRAINE

Leak: Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko is the sole shareholder of Prime Asset Partners Ltd., a holding company in the British Virgin Islands (BVI). This corporate structure was set up in August 2014, as Russian troops were marching into Eastern Ukraine.

Response: A spokesperson for Poroshenko said the creation of the company had nothing to do with "any political and military events in Ukraine." Poroshenko's financial advisers said the president didn't include the BVI firm in his 2014 financial disclosures because neither the holding company nor two related companies in Cyprus and the Netherlands have any assets.

Fallout: Oleh Lyashko, head of the populist Radical party that once was part of the governing coalition, has called for impeachment proceedings against Poroshenko.

EGYPT

Leak: The son of former president Hosni Mubarak was tied to a company registered by Mossack Fonseca. Alaa Mubarak, who owned the BVI firm Pan World Investments Inc., was arrested in 2011 along with his father after he was deposed.

Response: Did not respond.

Fallout: Egyptian media reported on Tuesday that Alaa Mubarak would be questioned by the Illicit Gains Authority about his offshore holdings.

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Iceland PM Sigmundur David Gunnlaugsson
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U.S. ELECTION

Trump makes new wall proposal

Donald Trump would try to force Mexico to pay for a border wall by targeting billions of dollars in remittances sent by immigrants living in the U.S., according to a memo released by his campaign Tuesday.

The memo outlines in new detail how Trump would try to compel Mexico to pay for the 1,000-mile wall he's promised to build along the Southern border if he becomes president.

In his proposal, Trump threatened to change a rule under the USA Patriot Act, an anti-terrorism law, to cut off a portion of the funds sent to Mexico through money transfers known as remittances. His plan would also bar non-Americans from wiring money outside of the U.S. unless they can provide documentation establishing their legal status in the country.

Trump said he would withdraw the threat if Mexico makes a one-time payment to finance the wall.

"It's an easy decision for Mexico: make a one-time payment of $5-10 billion to ensure that $24 billion continues to flow into their country year after year," the memo reads.

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Ted Cruz won a critical victory over Donald Trump in the Republican primary Tuesday, while Bernie Sanders won Wisconsin's Democratic primary, defeating Hillary Clinton.

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

My girlfriend falls asleep during all our dates. She also ignores me when she's texting and forgets about plans we make. How do I see past all this and concentrate on her good qualities?

Hello Ellen,

I met this young lady at work, and we started hanging out. During that early phase, I felt like a priority. Fast forward six months, and I don't like where things are headed. Before, we'd meet up around 9:30 p.m., watch movies and chat until 3-4 a.m. Now, she comes over and sleeps. I mean immediately. Heavily. She also goes completely deaf when she's texting. I've talked to her about it, but she says it's not a big deal. Out of the last three movies we saw, she slept through two. But at movies with her friends, she stays awake. So now we just do dinner dates. She is also not good with prioritizing: all the plans I make are forgotten.

There are a lot of positive things in this relationship. But this problem is making it hard for me to see the good.

Regards, K.B.

Dear K.B.,

According to WebMD, narcolepsy is a neurological disorder that causes sudden, uncontrollable sleep attacks during any type of activity at any time of day. Research suggests it's genetic, and/or may be due to inadequate production of a chemical called hypocretin in the brain. There's no cure, but symptoms can be treated with drugs, from stimulants to antidepressants.

Rest assured, your girlfriend does not have narcolepsy, judging by the fact she stays awake around friends, but conks out the second she's alone with you.

Rest assured, your girlfriend does not have this condition, judging by the fact she respectfully stays awake around friends and when you take her out for dinner, but conks out the second she's alone with you. Although I am not a doctor, I feel confident in offering the following, possible diagnoses:

1) Oblivious rudeness: Ignoring you while she texts, "forgetting" the plans you make, shrugging off your concerns — these are all signs of bad manners. I agree that intimate relationships are the one place you can comfortably take each other a tiny bit for granted. But, overall, good manners are never more important than with people we are closest to in our everyday life.

2) Malicious manipulation: She made you a "priority" at the beginning of the relationship. Now she's got her hooks into you, she's taking advantage and treating you badly. She's either the world's worst girlfriend and wants a partner/chump who'll put up with it. Or she's done with you, but selfishly continuing to use you until you clue in and dump her, at which point she can act like a victim and blame you for everything.

3) Conflicted feelings: Your girlfriend truly is a good person worthy of your love. But she's mixed up. She's falling asleep because her body can't hide the truth — e.g., she's not sure she wants to be in the relationship, she fears being intimate with you when you're alone together, she cares for you but can't stand the thought of hurting you by revealing her doubts.

At the end of the day, though, it doesn't matter what the reasons are. Her behaviour, whether it's unconscious or deliberate, is preventing the possibility of a good, healthy relationship.

You sound like a considerate, well-mannered person in your letter, but I hope you won't make the mistake of thinking "good manners" requires submitting to a flagrant abuse of your time and good faith. When a relationship encounters the kinds of problems you're describing, it's perfectly polite to be honest about how you feel, and move on.

Need advice?
Email Ellen:
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Police transparency is key to improving sex assault outcomes

The spotlight on how this country handles sexual assault has descended on Ottawa, and it isn't pretty: Sexual assault charges have reached their lowest rate in seven years.

According to police data obtained by Metro, 39 per cent of sexual assault complaints led to charges in 2014, a year that also saw a sharp drop in complaints brought to police compared to 2013. The charge rate has never gotten higher than 50 per cent since 2007.

The data is only the latest revealed by a Metro investigation that found 2,538 sexual assaults were deemed "unfounded" by police in the past 15 years, a statistic that advocates have called shocking.

But the charge rate is particularly upsetting since this data represents only a sliver of sexual assaults committed in that city, and this country.

Post-Ghomeshi trial, that shouldn't be news to you. You've probably heard ad nauseum that only five per cent of sexual assaults are reported to police, and only 0.2 per cent end in convictions

Insp. John Maxwell, who works in Ottawa police Major Case Investigations, told my colleague Joe Lofaro, "If we close a file without a charge, then there's a good reason for it. This is what we do." Investigations have become more complicated with the rise of technology, he added.

But with all due respect to investigators, we need to know more about what constitutes a "good reason" for abandoning a complaint, especially since charge rates for non-sexual assaults in Ottawa are consistently higher — from 64 to 73 per cent since 2007.

In this light, it's galling that Ottawa Inspector John Maxwell laid the lack of charges, in part, at the feet of women.

Last week, he told Metro Ottawa that some complainants don't want to go through with laying charges, for a variety of reasons. If he was talking about five per cent of the cases, then he's indeed correct. The new data shows that, in 2014, only 33 of the 743 sexual assault reports ended without charges because complaints changed their minds. So: what about the remaining 55 per cent?

What this data shows is that police actions remain far more opaque than the courts. Where it's easy to pull up verdicts, it's far harder to track the trajectory of complaints as they make their way through police stations.

Police don't keep such data available online, and it can take days — or in Ottawa's case a series of information requests — to uncover it. But this data is key to doing better. It's not good enough to offer generalized explanations. It's time to dig into the nitty-gritty.

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A U.S. federal judge said Tuesday the widow of a man driving the Porsche that crashed and killed actor Paul Walker cannot prove the carmaker is responsible for the accident.

RECIPE

ROASTED SEA BASS, FENNEL & TOMATOES

Serves: 6
Prep time: 20 minutes
Cooking time: 35 minutes

Ingredients:
- 1large fennel bulb, cored and thinly sliced, about 4–5 cups sliced
- 1tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- ¼ tsp dried oregano
- Pinch crushed red pepper flakes
- 1tbsp olive oil
- 1large yellow onion, cut in half and thinly sliced
- 2large garlic cloves, minced
- 1tsp fennel seeds
- ½ tsp dried oregano
- ½ tsp sugar
- ½ tsp kosher salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- ½ cup dry white wine
- 1can (28 oz) whole tomatoes, drained (liquid discarded) and coarsely chopped
- 2tbsp chopped fresh flat-leaf parsley
- 1tsp lemon zest
- 6 sea bass fillets (6 oz each)
- ¼ tsp kosher salt
- ¼ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- Fennel fronds, for garnish
Lemon zest, for garnish

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450°F. In a large bowl, toss sliced fennel with 1 tablespoon olive oil, salt, pepper, oregano and crushed red pepper flakes. Place in a 13- × 9-inch baking dish and roast for 15 minutes. Stir and continue to cook until tender, 5–8 minutes more.

2. While fennel is roasting, heat 1 tablespoon olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Add onion and cook, stirring, 4–5 minutes until tender. Add garlic, fennel seeds, oregano, sugar, salt and pepper. Cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Increase heat to high, add wine and let it reduce for 1 minute. Stir in tomatoes, reduce heat to low, cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in parsley and lemon zest.

3. Remove fennel from oven and lower temperature to 400°F. Pat fish dry with paper towel and season fish with salt and pepper. Place the fish over the fennel, top with tomato-onion mixture and place in oven for 10–15 minutes, until cooked through. Garnish with fennel fronds and lemon zest.

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Real world cooking

COOKBOOK

Finding a happy medium between Martha Stewart and Rachael Ray

Melita Kuburas
Metro | Life

Julie Albert and Lisa Gnat will stop at nothing to get people to pick up their book and start cooking.

And, the Toronto sisters know recommendations from foodies and celebs are a serious form of currency. Astronaut Chris Hadfield, chef Michael Smith, actor Jason Alexander and singer Jon Bon Jovi are a few of the big names whose praise appears in the intro for their new book, Lick Your Plate (Appetite by Random House).

"We'll take any angle we can to try to get to certain people who we admire or adore. We're huge Seinfeld fans, and of course Jon Bon Jovi remains my 16-year-old crush," jokes Albert, an admitted inexpert in the kitchen. She's in charge of writing and visuals in the sisters' growing food empire, which now includes three books and a website, Bite Me More.

Their playful tone has stayed the same since they self-published in 2009, but their esthetic has been "fine-tuned," moving away from kitschy towards modern graphic design, says Albert.

Ben Wiseman, who has created colour-pop covers for Time, New York Times and Newsweek magazines, illustrated chapter sections, the more than 100 food photographs mimicking his style with bright pinks, blues and yellows serving as background to the plating.

The book aims to help home cooks elevate simple dishes — without taking up too much time — and take the thinking out of daily meal planning.

"We're not Martha telling someone to make the eight-hour broth, but we're also not Rachael Ray saying put cheese on toast. There is that happy medium," says Gnat, who developed the recipes.

The sisters say they understand the importance of accessible recipes, where all the ingredients can be bought in one shop.

"We love and admire 'the foodie' and we're happy to sit down to a gourmet meal. And we are all about fresh flavours and great food. But we also live in the real world with six kids between us. We don't always have that sort of time and inclination to go on a goose chase for fig paste," says Albert.

I love how the fennel gets very sweet when you roast it. It's a super healthy dish.
Lisa Gnat

Lisa Gnat and Julie Albert
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JOHANNA SCHNELLER
WHAT I'M WATCHING

Walking a fine feminist line

THE SHOW: The Fall, Season 1, Episode 3 (Netflix)
THE MOMENT: The media lesson

Detective Superintendent Stella Gibson (Gillian Anderson) has come from London to help Belfast police catch a serial killer of young women. (We know the murderer is Paul Spector, a father played by 50 Shades of Grey hunk Jamie Dornan, but the cops don't.) Soft on the surface — whispery voice, silk blouses, lace bras — but cold steel underneath, Stella mesmerizes men. Including Paul.

In a meeting, she instructs her force about speaking to the press.

"The media lives to divide women into virgins and vamps, angels or whores," she says. "Let's not encourage them."

Her boss Jim (John Lynch) calls her into the hall. (They were lovers, and he's still smitten.) He reprimands her for sleeping with another officer. "You didn't think to ask if he was married?" Jim sputters.

He didn't think to tell me," Stella answers serenely. Jim glares at her.

Remaining serene, she says, "Man f*cks woman, that's okay. Woman f*cks man — that's not comfortable for you, is it?

This series walks a fascinating knife-edge. On one side, it's packed with feminist rhetoric, as above. On the other, it lovingly shows women being terrorized, tortured, murdered and turned into dolls (Paul bathes and poses his victims' corpses).

It creates a high-end peep show, and then scolds us and implicates us for peeping. It's hugely hypocritical. Yet in its very hypocrisy, it calls more attention to, and makes you think more about, how popular entertainment uses women than any other show. You mustn't look, but you mustn't look away.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Gillian Anderson is Detective Stella Gibson in The Fall.
CONTRIBUTED

Spring is the season for celebrity love to bloom

You wouldn't know it from the salt stains on your shoes, but spring has sprung and love is in the air. Here are some of the star sweethearts making headlines, along with the Chavril tune that best sums up each union. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Taylor Swift & Calvin Harris

The fawning pair turned the iHeartRadio awards into a love-in, sharing embraces after each of their wins. They've been dating more than a year. Swift finally has a boyfriend to thank when she wins, and she went all out for Harris, the "most amazing person to come home to." If this relationship remains rock-solid through the next songwriting cycle, are we heading to an album of sunny Swift, with no shade left to throw? Perish the thought.

RELATIONSHIP IN A CHAVRIL SONG: Avril Lavigne's love anthem, Girlfriend

Avril Lavigne & Chad Kroeger

During the Junos weekend, this suddenly inseparable separated duo snuggled on Instagram, flirted in interviews and kept alive the hope of any Chavril truthers who won't let go of wishing that things weren't so complicated. Well, the rockers maintain they're just supporting each other, and they did vow to remain friends post-breakup seven months ago. Once the celebrity couple everyone loved to hate, their new status as chummy exes is actually kind of . . . sweet?

RELATIONSHIP IN A CHAVRIL SONG: Avril Lavigne, Keep Holding On

Kit Harington & Rose Leslie

The Game of Thrones crowd is going wildling with the news that doomed lovers Jon Snow and Ygritte have continued their romance off-screen. There's been chatter since 2012 that the two were cosy, but the close-lipped Brits haven't acknowledged it — so their shared whisk across the red carpet at London's Olivier Awards on Sunday was something of a coming-out. Let us hope that, unlike absolutely everything that's ever happened on the show, this ends well.

RELATIONSHIP IN A CHAVRIL SONG: Nickelback, When We Stand Together

Vladimir Putin & Wendi Deng

From Russia, two lovebirds who have the world whispering. The duo's long-rumoured relationship has recently hit "serious" status, according to Us Weekly. Deng, was once married to Rupert Murdoch and widely suspected to have been involved with Tony Blair. The only question now: What to call the new power pairing? Pudeng doesn't have a flattering ring to it, but Wendimir certainly rolls off the tongue — just be sure not to gag.

RELATIONSHIP IN A CHAVRIL SONG: Nickelback, Burn it to the Ground

GOSSIP

Amy Schumer calls out Glamour over sizing

Irene Kuan
Metro Canada

Amy Schumer makes it clear she has nothing against being 'plus-size', but slams Glamour Magazine for including her in their "Chic at Every Size" issue without asking for her first.

The comedic actress posted on Instagram a closeup of the magazine, which lists celebs Melissa McCarthy, Adele, Ashley Graham and herself, along with this caption:

"Plus size is considered size 16 in America. I go between a size 6 and 8. @glamourmag put me in their plus size only issue without asking or letting me know and it doesn't feel right".... and asking her followers what their thoughts are about her inclusion in the issue.

The post has so far received more than 50,000 likes and 4,200 comments, with many of her fans equally irked by the magazine labelling her plus size.

Glamour Magazine, which honoured Schumer with their Trailblazer award at the 2015 Glamour Awards, and where the actress gave a hilarious acceptance speech about not apologizing for who she is, issued this statement: "First off, we love Amy, and our readers do too — which is why we featured her on the cover of Glamour last year."

LIQUID ASSETS

The wines of Oz

The last time I was Down Under I debated with winemakers about how they were going to move past their generic "drink Australia" mantra. They argued their unique regions were the key to defining wine styles. While the average Canadian may be able to find Oz on a map, I'd bet they couldn't put their finger on South Australia, the country's most famous wine producer. Aussie attempts to turn geography into celebrity have met uneven success. The makers of Mallee Rock 2014 Shiraz Cabernet Sauvignon ($12.49-$16.99) have bet on the Limestone Coast. Deeply fruited, it's a barbecue-friendly red with hints of eucalyptus.

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Businessman Miles Nadal buys Fiat used by Pope for $300,000

Trailhawk is not just a looker

REVIEW

Rugged style backed up by actual rugged capabilities

Mike Goetz
For Metro Canada

Jeep is one of the fastest rising automotive brands here in North America, and even more so in Europe.

And the Jeeps that are selling in numbers are not the ones you see on mountain goat paths, they're the ones you see in the parking lots at Costco and Ikea.

But while parent company Fiat Chrysler Automobiles (FCA) obviously knows how to leverage and market Jeep's high profile and iconic look to a broader and less adventurous audience, you have to also give them credit for continuing to make a select number of Jeeps in the original, rough and ready mode.

In addition to the Wrangler, proficient Jeep off-roaders can be found throughout the line-up — a prime example is our test subject this week, the Cherokee Trailhawk. "Normal" 4X4 Cherokees are already quite off-road capable, owing to a sophisticated driver-selectable five-mode all-terrain system (Auto, Snow, Sport, Sand/Mud, and Rock). Trailhawk models add locking rear differential, increased approach and departure angles and ground clearance, skid plates, and 17-inch all-terrain tires.

The amazing thing about modern rock climbers like Trailhawk is that they don't punish you when you're not rock climbing. Other that a bit more tire noise, the Cherokee Trailhawk was a model of civility on the streets and the highways.

FCA's high-tech, nine-speed automatic transmission had some teething problems, but they've sorted them; it shifts smoothly and gives the Cherokee a relaxed gate on the highway.

Our tester had the optional 3.2-litre V6, which is refined and powerful, and now features automatic stop-start to save a bit more fuel. A Trailhawk 4X4 model with this engine is not your fuel efficiency choice in the compact crossover segment — its combined city/highway rating is 10.8 L/100 km.

The interior is well executed and appointed, capped off by FCA's new wiz-bang 8.4-inch Uconnect touchscreen. Always one of the more intuitive and easy-to-use systems, it now features a "Drop and Drag" feature that allows you to locate your preferred app icons on the screen, Siri Eyes Free, and Do-Not-Disturb, which automatically routes phone calls and texts direct to voice mail. Our fully-loaded tester just nudged over the $40,000 mark. A lot of money for a compact based SUV, but it's dense with technology and capability, and you can certainly get a Trailhawk for less.

While the interior feels spacious, the cargo area is a bit wanting. The only other caveat would be the front end styling, which is polarizing. To some it's what makes this a sleek Jeep, to others it's an angry snout.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 JEEP CHEROKEE TRAILHAWK

THE BASICS

- **Type.** Five-door, five-passenger, 4WD, compact SUV
- **Power.** 184-hp 2.4-litre I4, 271-hp 3.2-litre V6
- **Transmission.** Nine-speed automatic
- **Price.** Base $34,695 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- AWD features several terrain modes, and also automatically disconnects rear axle, when AWD not needed, to increase fuel efficiency.
- You can drop and drag apps via their corresponding icons, to the touch screen, to customize the screen.
- Full suite of safety systems available.

CHEROKEE PHOTOS MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO; OTHERS HANDOUT

POINTS

- Named Four Wheeler Magazine's 2015 Four Wheeler of the Year.
- Best in class trailer tow capability of 2,041 kg.
- Based on FCA's "Compact Platform," which also underpins Dodge Dart and Chrysler 200.

MARKET POSITION

- Cherokee slots between smaller Renegade and larger Grand Cherokee in Jeep's line-up.
- Best-selling Jeep nameplate in Canada, and 15th overall best selling vehicle in the country.

THE COMPETITION

Ford Escape AWD
Base price: $26,699

Toyota RAV4 AWD
Base price: $27,505

Nissan Rogue AWD
Base price: $26,948

KANSAS CITY ROYALS

Ford unveils a Most Valuable Pickup

To mark the Kansas City Royals' World Series victory, Ford has taken the wraps off a special-edition pickup that will be built in Kansas City and strictly limited to 300 examples.

The Ford F-150 MVP is available in two exterior paint finishes — Oxford White or Blue Flame — and the motivation behind its creation came from a local baseball fan, Marc Lassalle, who wanted the company to recognize his favourite team's achievement.

This is only the second time in the Royals' history that it has won the championship. The first time was in 1985, and on that occasion Ford — which has a huge manufacturing presence in the city — built a commemorative Ranger.

"Like our manufacturing team members at the Kansas City Assembly Plant, the Kansas City Royals are a great example of what terrific teamwork can accomplish," said Gary Johnson, Ford's vice-president for North America manufacturing.

This connection is also why Bret Saberhagen (who played on the1985 team) and current Kansas City Royals star Salvador Pérez were chosen to introduce the new truck to the public.

As well as a special paint finish, the MVP stands out from other F-150s thanks to unique badging, stainless steel rocker panels with a polished finish and a spray-in bedliner. The truck is based on the XLT model with a chrome package, so as well as boasting a six-speed transmission with settings for towing and hauling and for better performance when heading off road, it also gets the added esthetics of chrome-effect grille, fenders and door handles.

The mid-level specifications mean that while it is a premium vehicle in terms of numbers, it will be one that won't come with a financial premium for the average baseball fan wanting a vehicular memento of his or her team's achievements.

This connection with the fans is also why potential customers will have to travel to Kansas City to get one — it is being sold exclusively via the city's Ford dealers.

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The 2016 Ford F-150 MVP Edition. FORD MOTOR COMPANY

Supercars, super practical car awarded

The Ferrari 488 GTB (top left), McLaren 570S (top right) and Kia Optima (above) were all honoured by the Red Dot Jury. CONTRIBUTED

RED DOT JURY

'Best of the Best' includes the humble Kia that could

Two supercars and a super-practical sedan have all been given best-of-the-best design status by the Red Dot jury.

Which is better, a Ferrari 488 GTB or a McLaren 570S? It turns out that from a design perspective, even the jury of experts that decide the annual Red Dot awards — and which for the first time included legendary automotive designer Chris Bangle on its panel — can't decide either.

Both supercars have been given top honours, a "Best of the Best" award in the product design category.

Ferrari tends to scoop up a Red Dot award every time it launches a new car, but for McLaren, which has only been in business since 2010, it's a huge achievement.

"The 570S Coupe has enjoyed a fantastic reception since launching last year, and to be recognized by Red Dot with a 'Best of the Best' title is a real honour," said the car's chief designer, Rob Melville.

> **Our international design team has every cause to be exceptionally proud of these most recent awards.**
>
> Peter Schreyer, president and chief designer of Kia Motors Corporation and Hyundai Motor Group

However, for those that believe innovative or desirable automotive esthetics are still the domain of dream car companies, the two mid-engine turbocharged V8 320 km/h+ supercars have this year been joined in the best of the best category by the Kia Optima.

Unlike the other winners, this is a practical, comfortable and affordable four-door sedan and crucially, one developed by a design team based in the U.S., Korea and Germany to ensure visual appeal.

"Our international design team has every cause to be exceptionally proud of these most recent awards," said Peter Schreyer, president and chief designer of Kia Motors Corporation and Hyundai Motor Group.

In all, 5,200 items, from smart thermostats and stylish chairs to designer sunglasses and luxury pens, were entered for consideration in the product design category for this year's Red Dot Design Awards.

Of that number this year's 41-strong jury gave out the top honour to just 79 entries in total. The "standard" Red Dot award was won by 1304 products and a further 107 gained an "honourable mention."

The full list of Red Dot winners across all 21 categories — including for vehicles — will be announced in Essen, Germany, at the Red Dot Gala and Awards ceremony on July 4. AFP

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Tank Nation up in arms

CANUCKS

Winning streak reduces team's chance at No. 1 overall pick

Cam Tucker
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A week ago, the Canucks and their young, overmatched roster were in textbook tank form.

Of course, tanking was not their intention. They were, as stated above, seriously overmatched in almost every conceivable way. Nine straight losses certainly meant falling further down the overall standings, to the delight of some in the fan base.

But seven days after the Canucks were toasted on home ice by the San Jose Sharks and it looked like they weren't actually capable of winning another game for the remainder of the season, they've suddenly won three in a row.

This winning streak has also taken them from a tie for last place in the NHL's overall standings into 25th.

It very well could mean kissing goodbye the possibility of highly touted Auston Matthews coming to Vancouver via the draft.

The team that does finish last in the standings has a 20 per cent chance of getting the No. 1 overall pick. It is now impossible for the Canucks to finish last. As of Tuesday morning, the Canucks have a 7.5 per cent chance of winning that top pick.

A cursory look at the replies from fans to the Canucks' Twitter account after it boasted to the rest of the Internet about its win over L.A. and three straight victories should give an indication of their collectively frustrated mood.

Yes, fans will point out that this winning streak is happening at the worst possible time and at the expense of the highest draft choice possible — perhaps even a pick that guarantees a franchise player.

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The team that finishes last in the standings has a 20 per cent chance in the draft lottery at landing the No. 1 overall pick.

But while some fans may actually be upset over this recent streak, exactly what are the players involved supposed to do? Quit? Pack it all in and get a head start on their summer golf game?

There is a matter of integrity, of personal pride.

In this case, fans of Tank Nation may have their motive for wanting to see the team lose. The players also have their motives for wanting to compete as hard as possible to the end.

But when it comes to winning and losing, at this point, the Canucks are damned if they do and damned if they don't.

Canucks Chris Tanev, back right, and Markus Granland upend the Kings' Drew Doughty at Rogers Arena on Monday night. DARRYL DYCK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

WHITECAPS

Morales could miss 'weeks'

It didn't look good at the time, and Carl Robinson's update on the condition of midfielder Pedro Morales a few days later didn't provide much optimism, either.

Morales, the club's leading scorer, left Saturday's game versus the L.A. Galaxy early in the first half with what the club called a left hip strain.

Robinson said Tuesday that Morales missed training after undergoing an MRI "on his groin area" on Monday. While the club had yet to know the results of the MRI, the manager suggested Morales could miss "weeks."

That would be a significant loss for the Whitecaps, who have earned points in three straight games after that 0-2 start to the 2016 season. Morales was also off to a strong start for the Vancouver side after an injury-plagued 2015 campaign.

Veteran midfielder Andrew Jacobson, acquired in a trade with New York City FC, entered the match as an injury substitution for Morales and had a strong game against the Galaxy, nearly breaking the scoreless deadlock in the first half with a shot that appeared labeled for the net.

Nicolas Mezquida, who was also making his first start of 2016, was noticeable for the Whitecaps, even after he was told to play back in the midfield when Morales was hurt.

"I knew he was versatile," said Robinson of Jacobson. "He's such a great guy in the locker room. He's an important piece for us."

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NHL

Sharks shut out struggling Wild

James Reimer made 29 saves for his third shutout in eight games and the San Jose Sharks beat the playoff-bound Minnesota Wild 3-0 on Tuesday night.

Minnesota lost its fourth straight game and second straight with a chance to clinch a playoff berth but backed into a post-season spot when Colorado lost to Nashville on Tuesday night.

Patrick Marleau scored twice and Logan Couture added his fifth goal in the past four games for San Jose, which owns an NHL-high 28 road wins this season.

James Reimer
GETTY IMAGES

Devan Dubnyk made 17 saves for the Wild.

Reimer has allowed just 13 goals in eight games after being traded to San Jose from Toronto on Feb. 27.

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IN BRIEF

Isles earn way into playoffs

Thomas Hickey scored 2:13 into overtime as the New York Islanders rallied from two goals down in the third period to beat the Washington Capitals 4-3 on Tuesday night to clinch a playoff berth.

Hickey returned to the game after being cut by a skate and beat Braden Holtby to complete the comeback. Holtby allowed four goals on 27 shots and lost in his first attempt to tie Martin Brodeur's single-season wins record. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Grizzlies end six-game skid

Zach Randolph had 27 points and 10 rebounds, Vince Carter added 17 points and the Memphis Grizzlies snapped a six-game losing streak with a 108-92 victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

Memphis used a strong defence missing in recent games to turn back the Bulls, who had won three of four. Chicago remained two games behind the Detroit Pistons for the final playoff spot in the East.

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NBA

Raptors rack up 30th home victory

The Toronto Raptors have added another accolade to their record-breaking season.

DeMar DeRozan poured in 26 points as the Raptors roared past the Charlotte Hornets 96-90 on Tuesday, tying their franchise record of 30 home wins.

Kyle Lowry, who'd landed in Toronto (52-25) early Tuesday morning after watching his alma mater Villanova beat North Carolina in Monday's thrilling NCAA final, had 21 point for the Raptors, who can break the record for home wins Friday when they host Indiana.

TUESDAY In Toronto

RAPTORS	HORNETS
96	90

The Raptors set the pace early and led by as many as 19 points before taking a 16-point lead into the fourth quarter.

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Jays starter Aaron Sanchez allowed just one earned run and had eight strikeouts in seven innings, but had to settle for a no-decision. BRIAN BLANCO/GETTY IMAGES

Blue Jays stung by new rule in Florida

MLB

Rays let off hook as two late runs overturned due to Bautista slide

TUESDAY At Tampa Bay

3	2
RAYS	BLUE JAYS

Baseball's new rule on breaking up double plays gave Logan Forsythe and the Tampa Bay Rays a disputed 3-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

With the bases loaded and one out in the ninth inning, Toronto's Edwin Encarnacion hit a grounder to third base. After taking a throw from Evan Longoria for the force at second, Forsythe made an errant relay to first that appeared to allow the go-ahead run to score for the Jays.

Rays manager Kevin Cash asked for a review, claiming Jose Bautista violated the new "Chase Utley Rule" governing slides on potential double plays.

Replay umpires in New York ruled that Bautista did indeed slide inside the bag to illegally hinder Forsythe. The call was changed to a game-ending double play that preserved Tampa Bay's victory.

"I didn't think it was illegal to make contact, especially when it's something so subtle and soft," Bautista said.

"Player safety should be a big concern, I just don't see how my play was unsafe."

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> **"It's really an embarrassment.... That's good baseball, that's been baseball forever.**
>
> Jays manager John Gibbons

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Suarez scores pair in Barcelona win

QUARTER-FINAL 1st leg

2	1
BARCA	ATLETICO

Luis Suarez scored two second-half goals to lead Barcelona to a 2-1 comeback victory over 10-man Atletico Madrid in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday.

Fernando Torres opened the scoring in the 25th minute, but quickly went from hero to villain for Atletico when two reckless tackles saw him sent off in the 35th.

Atletico resisted the defending champion's push for an equalizer until Suarez finally levelled with an opportunistic goal in the 63rd.

Suarez then put Barcelona ahead in the 74th when he buried Dani Alves' cross past goalkeeper Jan Oblak with a header. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Italy coach's trial begins with Euros looming

A prosecutor requested a suspended six-month match-fixing sentence for current Italy coach and future Chelsea manager Antonio Conte on Tuesday.

Conte is accused of sports fraud in 2010-11 when he was coach of Siena. The match under investigation is Siena's 1-0 win at Albinoleffe in May 2011.

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Canada names coaching staff for hockey worlds

Carolina Hurricanes head coach Bill Peters will lead Canada's coaching staff at the 2016 men's world hockey championship.

Peters will be joined by Ottawa Senators head coach Dave Cameron, former Minnesota Wild head coach Mike Yeo, and Hockey Canada's Misha Donskov, who will support as assistant coaches. THE CANADIAN PRESS

UConn equals legend Wooden with latest title

Breanna Stewart and UConn stand alone. Geno Auriemma, too, after another flawless season by the dominating Huskies.

UConn won an unprecedented fourth straight national championship Tuesday night, capping another perfect season by routing Syracuse 82-51. Until now, only the UCLA men's team had won four in a row in Division I, rolling to seven consecutive championships under John Wooden from 1967-73. With Tuesday's victory, Auriemma passed the Wizard of Westwood with his 11th national title.

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RECIPE Beans & Greens Soup

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

A well-stocked pantry is the back bone of the easy weeknight dinner and this stoup (not quite a soup, not quite a stew).

Ready in
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- Glug of olive oil
- 2 medium onions, diced
- 3 clove garlic, minced
- 1 to 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary and thyme, chopped fine
- 4 cups stock, vegetable or chicken
- 1 14 ounce can of cannelini beans
- 1 28 ounce can of chick peas
- approximately 6 cups fresh spinach, wash and stems pinched off
- salt and pepper to taste
- 4 pieces baguette cut an inch thick
- 1/4 - 1/3 cup grated parmesan

Directions

1. Saute onions and garlic in olive oil until quite soft and beginning to turn golden. Add herbs.

2. Add the beans. Use a potato masher to crush about half of them. Add the stock and stir. Allow to simmer for 10 or 15 minutes

3. Fire up the broiler and place the baquette on a cookie sheet. Sprinkle grated cheese on each piece and place under the heat for a couple minutes.

4. While the cheese is melting, throw the spinach in the soup and stir so it all gets covered by soup and wilts. Taste before adding salt and pepper.

4. Pull the crostini out of the oven. Ladle soup into a bowl and top with the cheesy bread.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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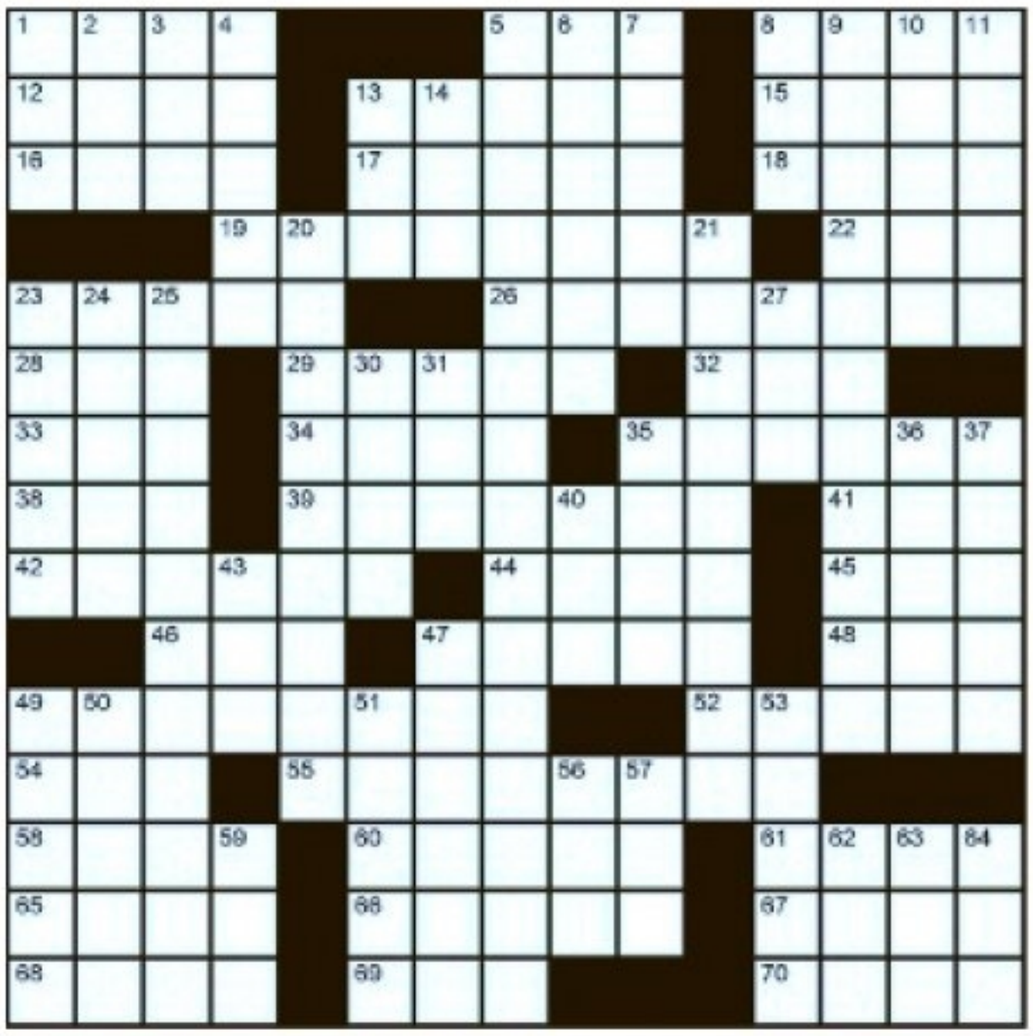

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8. "The Bridge on the River _" (1957)
12. Missing from mil. roll call
13. _ _ chisel (Sculpts)
15. The bulk
16. Against
17. Kind of acid
18. _ sauce
19. Toronto-born actress Sheila
22. Money amt.
23. _-_ books (DIYer's reads)
26. City formerly called Constantinople
28. 'Twenti' tail
29. Hasn't a _ _ stand on (Doesn't have clout)
32. Bucharest money
33. Sundial number
34. Showroom model, commonly
35. "Star Trek: The Next Generation" character, Lieutenant Commander _ La Forge
38. Letters-in-a-row
39. Donning
41. Hair accessory
42. Canadian actress Ms. Grimes
44. Russian news agency, _-TASS
45. "May _ _ of service?" (Boutique query)
46. Tit-for-_
47. Carb-lover's craving
48. _ Lk (Computer keyboard key)
49. Appreciative
52. Actor, Taye _
54. Rapa _ (Easter Island)
55. Answer
58. "_-_-Di..." (Beatles song title bit)
60. "_ _ Nothing" by Whitney Houston
61. "Revolutionary _" (2008)
65. Abound
66. Goat-antelope of Japan
67. Thus
68. Completes
69. "Tut-tut!"
70. Legendary star

DOWN
1. Air travel overseer [acronym]
2. Have
3. Waste
4. Gustav _ (The Kiss painter)
5. 'Ovayok' in Nunavut or 'Coal River Springs' in the Yukon: 2 wds.
6. "Truthfully?": 3 wds.
7. Night: German
8. Hwy. speed units
9. Like a rustic cabin's stove
10. Shakespeare play, _ _ Like It
11. Kelly Clarkson's "Mr. Know _ _"
13. Vancouver sch.
14. "_ _ guy walks into..." (Classic joke intro)
20. North Atlantic fishing show on Discovery Channel, "_ _ Cowboys"
21. Bill and Hillary Clinton in '73 upon finishing studies as law students: 2 wds.
23. Charles and William, but not Andrew and Harry
24. _ Mountains (Range in Quebec)
25. Like Saskatchewan's provincial animal which is a deer
27. Modern
30. Large shoe-width size
31. ABC's early li'l daytime show
35. Irritating insect
36. Do computer cleaning
37. Articles
40. TGIF part
43. Ms. Portman, to pals
47. Presses, as an elevator button
49. $1,000: letter + wd.
50. Mr. Studdard
51. "1234" Canadian songstress
53. "Able was _ _ _ saw Elba." (Palindrome)
56. Egg-related prefix
57. Fresh
59. Pre-lunch hrs.
62. Grampus
63. Toronto museum, commonly
64. Mr. Cheadle

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Tread carefully today, because power struggles with others are inevitable. Therefore, when talking to parents, bosses, teachers and VIPs, remember the power of courtesy.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You want to research something deeply today. In other words, you want to get to the bottom of something. Well, you will succeed.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with a friend or perhaps someone who is a member of a group might come to a head today, especially concerning how to deal with shared property or how to spend an allotted amount of money.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Be careful when talking to bosses, parents and VIPs today, as well as partners and close friends, because power struggles are par for the course. Don't get suckered into something that's just not worth it.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Avoid controversial subjects like religion, politics and racial issues today, because they will disintegrate quickly into arguments. People are opinionated and unwilling to listen. Yikes!

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Squabbles about inheritances, shared property and debt might arise today, which is why this is not a good day to discuss those subjects.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Arguments upset your peace of mind. You know this. You need harmony in your surroundings. Therefore, avoid heated discussions with partners and close friends.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Machinery and heavy equipment might break down on the job today. In addition, discussions with others also might break down. (It's one of those days.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Be patient when dealing with children today, even if they have hissy fits and meltdowns. (Lots of people feel this way today.) Patience is your best friend.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Family discussions might be difficult today if people insist on getting their own way. Step back and give things some breathing space. By tomorrow, a solution might be obvious.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Don't come on too strong with others today, because you will blow them away! Remember: If you really want people to listen to you, whisper.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Quarrels about property and money are likely today. Don't get involved, because by the end of the week, things will work out nicely.

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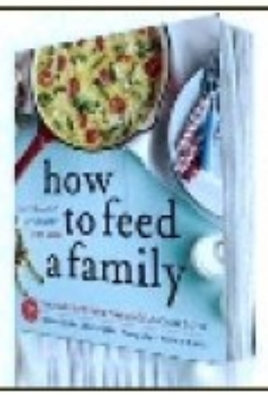

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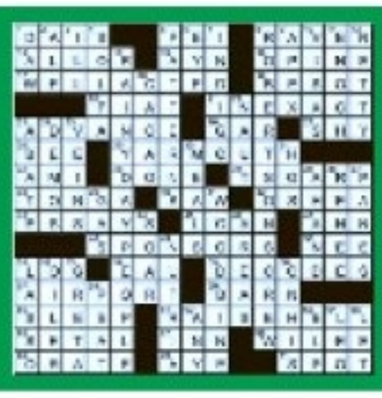

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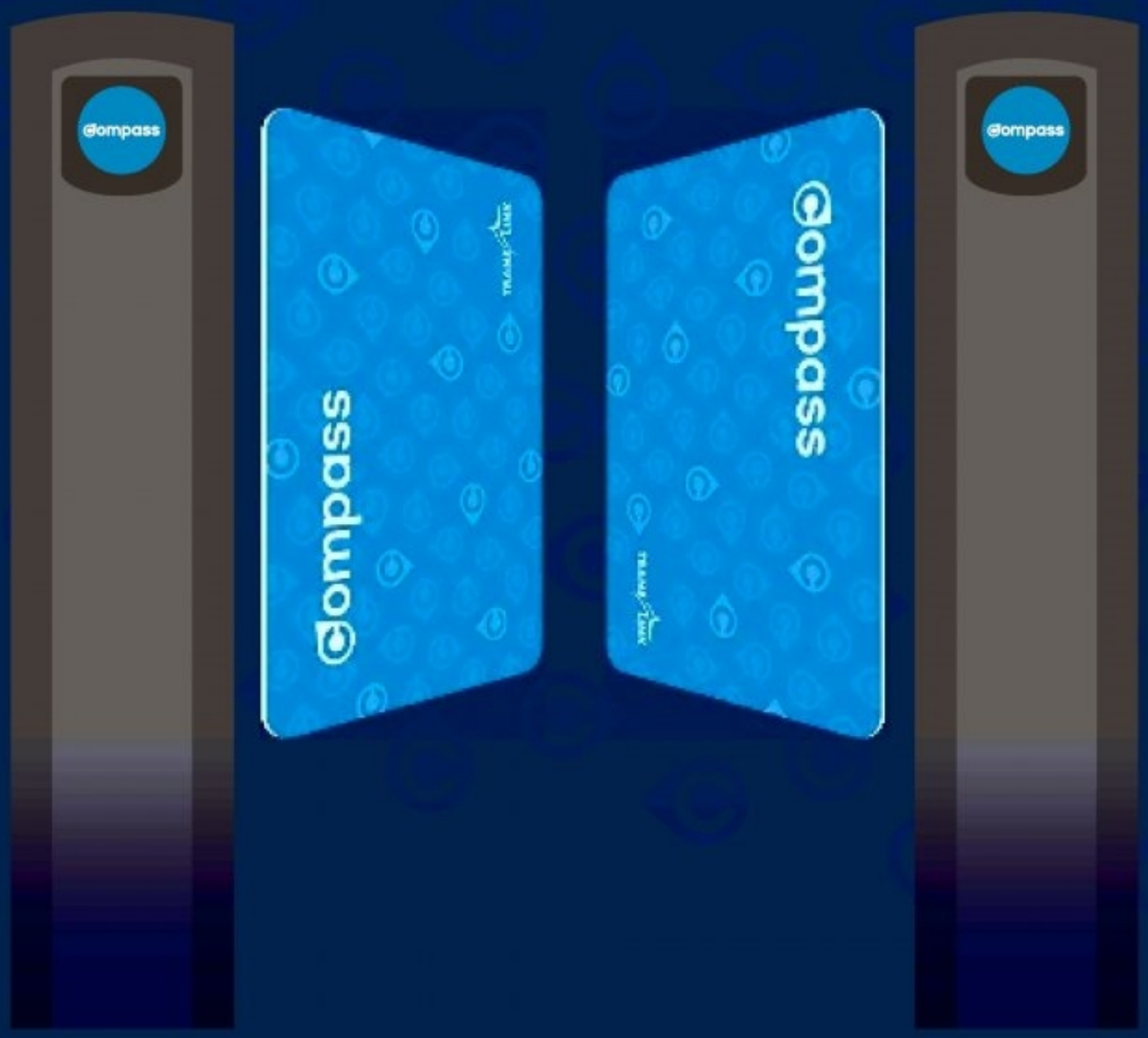

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